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SUBJECT: XONICS/TELCOM DISPUTE WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

1. XONICS CHAIRMAN BERNARD KATZ, ACCOMPANIED BY COMPANY ATTORNEYS, CALLED ON ME MAY 10 TO ENLIST MY ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING DISPUTE WITH WHICH YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR. BASIC XONICS AIM IS TO RESTORE ITS CREDIBILITY AND GOODWILL WITHIN SAG BY OFFERING TO DEFER (FYI ONLY- AND, IF NECESSARY, ULTIMATELY GIVE UP - END FYI) ALL CLAIMS UNTIL COMPLETION OF PROJECT WHICH XONICS WILL SUPERVISE WITH NEW PERSONNEL. KATZ WAS PARTICULARLY EMPHATIC THAT UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HE ALLOW ANY SAG CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO BECOME PUBLIC OR BE USED AS TOOL TO PUSH TELCOM'S CLAIM VIS-A-VIS MIN. INTERIOR.

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2. IT WAS AGREED THAT XONICS LAWYER, SAMIR SHAMMA, SHOULD CALL ON YOU TO DISCUSS HOW TO PROCEED IN CASE. I STATED MY WILLINGNESS TO INTERCEDE PERSONALLY WITH DEPUTY MINISTER PRINCE AHMAD IF NECESSARY, BUT YOU SHOULD FIRST, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SHAMMA, DO WHAT YOU CAN AT LOWER LEVELS TO GET MATTER RESOLVED. VANCE

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